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## Newaygo County awarded housing development authority grant

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**LANSING** – The Michigan State Housing Development Authority has awarded a \$223,000 grant to Newaygo County for rehabilitating six homes and helping 21 households with emergency home repairs, Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, announced today.

"Providing safe and affordable housing for residents across West Michigan is important," Van Woerkom said. "Newaygo County's commitment to helping 27 families create safe and strong homes should be applauded."

The grant was financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds and notes to private investors, not through state tax revenues.

MSHDA was established in 1966 to form private and public partnerships to create affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Michigan residents.

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